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# Mareth Line Is Smashed

## Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor  
ALEX. H. WASHBURN

Veto Hangs Over Agriculture  
But Farm Labor Is Real Issue

The Bankhead farm bill has passed both houses of congress and gone to the president, where an expected veto would be quickly overridden by the senate—but not so certainly by the house.

## Rules Profession of Insured Must be Considered

Little Rock, March 29—(AP)—Trial court passing on total disability insurance cases must give consideration to the business or profession of the insured, the Supreme Court held today in reversing an award for a Helena surgeon and physician.

The High Tribunal in setting aside judgment totalling \$2,651 and attorney fees aggregating \$2,250 awarded Dr. William Robert Orr, Sr., against two insurance companies said Phillips circuit court must consider whether Dr. Orr could perform his duties as a physician although incapacitated as a surgeon.

The trial court had awarded Dr. Orr judgment for \$1,419 and a \$1,250 attorney fee against the Actua Life Insurance company and a judgement for \$1,232 and a \$1,000 attorney fee against the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company under permanent disability clauses of life insurance policies.

Dr. Orr suffered an X-ray burn on his thumb and several fingers of his right hand August 22, 1941. He contended that the burns totally and permanently disabled him but the court called attention to testimony that he had continued to practice medicine since the injury.

"The trial court in the instructions given at the request of the plaintiff (Orr) treated physicians and surgeons as one profession; although the defendant (the insurance companies) specifically pointed out that Dr. Orr could still engage in the practice of medicine, when he was not totally disabled," the Supreme Court said. "To recover in this case, Dr. Orr must be disabled both as a physician and also as a surgeon."

Affirming Sebastian circuit court the Supreme Court ruled that George and Walter Newman, brothers, were joint owners of a 95 acre Sebastian county tract acquired by the government in 1941 for Camp Chaffee.

George Newman claimed sole ownership by virtue of seven years adverse possession, but the Supreme Court said testimony indicated Walter Newman had not abandoned his claims.

In another Sebastian county case, the Tribunal upheld five year prison sentences assessed Paul Mitchell and Warren Thurman of Fort Smith on burglary charges. The defendants sought a reversal on grounds the prosecuting attorney had amended the information after it had been filed but the Supreme Court said such authority had been granted by the 1936 criminal law reform act.

A cross chancery court decree awarding the Rock Island Improvement company, a unit of the Rock Island railway, judgment against T.C. Brookfield, for eighteen years taxes it had paid on a 200 acre cross county tract occupied by Brookfield was modified to require him to pay only three years back taxes.

Brookfield acquired the land in 1928 at an improvement district foreclosure sale but paid no taxes on it. The company, apparently unaware of his possession, continued to pay taxes it had started in 1903. The supreme court invoked the three year statute of limitations in upholding the company's right of recovery of back taxes.

The supreme court eliminating a \$350,984 lien of the bank of Atkins against property in Atkins owned by C.W. Holloway representing judgments against former owners put up the right of the bank to recover taxes paid on the property while title was in controversy.

**State's Part of Race Money Is \$315,000**

Little Rock, March 29—(AP)—Though final figures had not been compiled, Comptroller J. Bryan Sims said today the state's revenue from the 30-day horse racing season at Hot Springs' Oaklawn Park would amount to about \$315,000, a new all-time record.

A previous high had been hit in 1942 when the state appraised

## Complete Food Rationing in Effect Today

—Washington

By IRVING PERLMETER

Washington, March 29—(AP)—Wartime belt-tightening really hit home today as rationing of meat, butter and Allied products began. New coupon costs on processed fruits and vegetables also went into effect.

The average American, who has been one of the world's biggest per capita consumers of meat could buy pork, beef, lamb or mutton today only on the 10 points of the red A stamps in his No. 2 ration book.

Sixteen points will buy two pounds of steak this week—if it is available—but most people will want to use some of those points to buy other cuts of meat and also butter, lard, cheese, vegetable shortening, canned fish and salad oils.

Meal-planning problems of the housewife were doubly tough today because many of the coupon values of processed foods that she tried so hard to learn during the last four weeks were changed this morning, some up and some down.

On the bright side, she could buy prunes, raisins and other dry fruits and apple juice without coupons. She could also buy other fruit and vegetable juices and dehydrated soups at reduced coupon costs.

But the old standby of canned baked beans was higher in point value, and other increases made it more difficult to buy canned fresh lima beans, catsup and canned applesauce, fruit salad and cocktail peaches and pineapples.

Summarizing the kitchen rations in effect today, the coupon situation was as follows:

Meat, cheese, canned fish, butter, lard and other edible fats and oil—this week use only red A stamps in Ration Book No. 2. This provides 16 points per person to be spent interchangeably for meat and the other items in this group.

The A stamps may be saved, if desired, and used any time through April 30 along with other red stamps becoming valid each week in that period. Expiration date of fifth week stamps has not been fixed yet.

Processed fruits and vegetables, canned soups and baby food—through Wednesday, use blue A, B or C stamps in Ration Book No. 2, and at any time until the end of April also use blue D, E and F stamps. Note new call of point values effective today.

Sugar—Stamp 12 in book No. 1 good for five pounds though May 31.

Coffee—Stamp 26 in book No. 1 good for one pound throughout April 25.

The problem on buying meat today also was complicated by the fact that many stores probably had none on hand.

Besides the scarce and uneven supplies of meat that caused rationing in the first place, the situation was aggravated last week because thousands of people bought up all the hams, roasts and other cuts in sight for a fast living at unusual eating. OPA expects quick restocking off-table coolers, but it will take time before the supply throughout the entire country is stabilized.

In the meantime, game, poultry and fresh fish are unrationed. Also unrationed are soft cheeses (including cottage and cream cheese), milk, cereals, fresh fruits and vegetables, bread and other bakery products, corn syrup, figs, jams and jellies, molasses, olives, peanut butter, pickles, potato salad, spaghetti and macaroni, spices and soft drinks.

Then, too, there is no coupon rationing at restaurants although pub-

## OWI to Start Radio Offensive Soon

London, March 29—(AP)—A big radio "offensive" in which OWI programs originating in New York will be re-broadcast each week to the continent by the British Broadcasting Corporation was announced last night.

Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Alabama and Florida are served directly by the United Gas Pipeline company while points such as St. Louis, Birmingham and Montgomery, Ala., Atlanta and Macon, Ga., and Memphis and Jackson, Tenn., are served by concerns depending on the proposal today.

Wholesale rate reductions contemplated in the proposed adjustment later would be passed on to consumers, said well informed sources who declined to be quoted by name.

The United Gas System's Pipe-



## FDR to Confer With Davis on Farm Labor

By OVID A. MARTIN

Washington, March 29—(AP)—President Roosevelt arranged to confer tomorrow with his new food administrator, Chester C. Davis, and leaders of four national farm organizations to draw up general plans for meeting farm labor and machinery shortages and for solving other food production problems.

Davis, who has been serving as president of the Federal Reserve Bank at St. Louis, arrived in Washington last night to take over his new job and immediately began a series of conferences with local friends and farm leaders.

Those invited to the White House meeting with Mr. Roosevelt included, besides Davis, Edward A. O'Neill, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation; James G. Patton, president of the National Farmers' Union; Albert S. Gross, master of the National Grange, and Ezra T. Benson, president of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

These leaders said they expected the conference to settle the question of whether Davis would have the final word in determining administration policies on farm prices. O'Neill, Gross and Benson have declared Davis would be greatly handicapped if he did not have complete authority in the price field.

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## Spencer Called to Active Naval Duty

Former U.S. Senator Lloyd Spencer will leave Hope Tuesday morning to report for active duty with the Eighth Naval District at New Orleans Thursday. The First National bank president has been a member of the Naval Reserve for many years, holding the rank of lieutenant-commander.

Lt. Comdr. Spencer said his call to active duty was merely for some special work that would require several weeks—not for the duration. Mrs. Spencer will accompany him for the stay in New Orleans.

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communiqué claimed destruction of 18 planes there and over the Norwegian coast, an area the Allies did not mention.

Last night's RAF attack on St. Nazaire was the 46th of the war

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## Heaviest Raid of War Made on Berlin

London, March 29—(AP)—RAF bombers resumed their assaults on German submarine bases last night, after the greatest raid of the war on Berlin Saturday night, by blasting the base at St. Nazaire with a "concentrated attack," the air ministry announced today.

Two bombers did not return from the St. Nazaire raid, which was carried out in considerable strength and added new damage to a U-boat haven which has been at often and heavily in the past.

Squadron of bombers, escorted by fighters, crossed and recrossed the southeast coast this morning, hitting at a continuation of the intensive blows directed at Germany and her satellites on the continent during the week end.

The German radio meanwhile announced German bombers, retaliating for the Saturday night RAF raid on Berlin and a daylight raid yesterday by American Fortresses and Liberators on the rail-road yards at Rouen, France, with machinegun and rifle fire, it was announced.

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## Social and Personal

Daisy Dorothy Heard, Editor  
Phone 768 Between 8 a. m. and 4 p. m.

### Social Calendar

Monday, March 29th  
The Executive Board of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist church will meet at the home of the president, Mrs. H. O. Kyler, 502 South Hamilton, 3 o'clock.

The Glenoers class of the First Baptist Sunday School, Mrs. T. L. Nichols, teacher, will have a social at the church recreational rooms, 7:30 o'clock.

A social meeting for members of the Alabamian class of the First Baptist church will be held at the home of Mrs. J. A. Bowden with Mrs. Iris Yocom, co-hostess, 7:30 o'clock.

The Executive Board of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church will meet at the church, 2:30 o'clock.

Tuesday, March 30th

Mrs. Franklin Horton and Mrs. Edwin Stewart will be hostesses to the Cosmopolitan club at the home of the former, 7:45 o'clock.

Miss Burnes is Honored at Party

Honoring Miss Louise Kent Burnes, bride-elect, Mrs. Lester Kent was hostess at a miscellaneous shower Friday afternoon.

Spring flowers were used to decorate the rooms where the many gifts to the honoree were displayed.

A delicious desert course was served the following: Miss Burnes, Mrs. Kenneth Burns, Mrs. Earl Upchurch, Mrs. John Porterfield, Mrs. Edward May, Mrs. Bill Connel, Mrs. W. H. Allison, Mrs. George Ellidge, Mrs. Buss Tunstall, Mrs. Eldridge Formby, Mrs. T. Hollis, Mrs. Nola Rogers, Mrs. Harrell Burns, Mrs. V. J. Granderson of Los Angeles, Mrs. John Kent, Mrs. Ida Burns, Mrs. Lulu Kent, Mrs. Ruby Shippard, Mrs. Monroe Kent, Mrs. Earl Jackson, Mrs. Ollie Formby, Mrs. Artie Lahn, Mrs. N. V. Middlebrooks, Mrs. J. A. May of Lewisville, Mrs.

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MARCH OF TIME FEATURE!

—Starts Tuesday—

Errol Flynn

in

"They Died With Their Boots On"

and

Max Baer

in

"McGuerins From Brooklyn"

## Tigers Believed Team to Beat in the American

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN

Evanston, Ind., March 29 (AP)—Dick Wakefield, the Detroit Tigers Technical Training Center, Yeoman Carolus G. Anderson says that some 1,500 sailors and Marines competed on 150 intra-mural teams and about 500 more played on out side courts.

The slim right-hander didn't seem too surprised by the remark, although his .342 record was a mediocre 9-7.

"Could be, could be," he reported, "tell you what, Dick, if you think I'm still good enough for 20 I'll follow through by predicting a .350 batting mark for you and maybe more."

Big Steve O'Neil, the Tigers new manager, was within earshot. It set him to clucking contentedly and rolling a smoke screen from his cigar.

"Now what do you think of that?" he asked. "They're scratching each other's back and that's what I like. Shows a fine spirit, and they could both be right, too."

He blew a ring and continued: "Birdies—he has a winning percentage over every club but New York, you know has looked good in practices and I set him for 15, 16 or maybe 20 games. He himself says some pitcher will win 30 this year but he thinks it will be Tex Hughson, of Boston. "This Wakefield, well, he hit .345 for me at Beaumont and he has all the confidence in the world. He can do better than .300 against major league stuff. Last year was the first time I can remember that Detroit didn't have a .300 hitter."

"I'll say Wakefield is a cinch to be among the top 10 hitters. I think he's got a lot more rhythm than Ted Williams at the plate."

"And I'll add that we're heading straight for the first division after winding up fifth last year. We even might go high in the first division."

Miss Wyble Wimberly visited friends in Little Rock during the weekend.

John "Bing" Crosby, U.S.N.R. at Treasure Island, has arrived for a fortnight with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams of Texarkana were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. George Green Sunday.

R. W. Schwieder motored to Hot Springs Saturday for the races.

After a weekend visit in the city, Miss Jane Carter has returned to Henderson State Teacher's College, Arkadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Whitten of Jacksonville, Ark. are visiting his mother, Mrs. Rosie Whitten on Hope.

Paul Morris Kesner, seaman, second class of the United States Navy, has returned to his post of duty after an emergency furlough spent in Little Rock, where his Mrs. D. F. Smith is a patient in St. Vincent's Infirmary.

Births

Major and Mrs. McRae Lemley of Fort Sill, Okla. are parents of a little son born Sunday. Judge and Mrs. Harry Lemley are the young man's paternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Merritt announce the arrival of a son, John Thomas Merritt, Jr., at the Julia Chester March, 21.

Communications

James T. Bowden, Jr., stationed at San Antonio, Texas with the United States Army Air Corps, has been promoted to a first lieutenant.

Aviation Cadet Elton Clyde Cummings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac C. Cummings of Hope, has completed two-thirds of his pilot training at Bush Field, Augusta, Ga. and will report soon to one of the Army Air Forces Southeast Advanced Flying schools for the final phase of his flight training.

Lum C. Vines, son of Lum Vines, Sr. of Buckner, Arkansas, has arrived at the Quartermaster Replacement Training Center at Ft. Warren, Wyo. for several months of intensive training.

J. W. Bland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bland, DeKalb, Texas, was promoted to the rank of sergeant at the Field Auxiliary Replacement Training Center at Ft. Sill. Before entering the service, Sgt. Bland was in the equipment business.

**Deaths Last Night**

By the Associated Press

Sergei V. Rachmaninoff

Beverly Hills, Calif., March 29 (AP)—Sergei V. Rachmaninoff, 69, Russian conductor, composer and concert pianist died last night. He was born in Novgorod, Russia.

James A. Farrell

New York, March 29 (AP)—James A. Farrell, 80, former president of the United States Steel Corporation, died last night. He was a native of New Haven, Conn.

Joseph B. Shannon

Kansas City, March 29 (AP)—Joseph B. Shannon, 6, former representative in Congress, who as head of the "Rabbit" Democratic faction long has been a power in Kansas City and Missouri politics died last night.

Rudolph Kommer

New York, March 29 (AP)—Rudolph Kommer, 53, newspaperman, lecturer and theatrical producer, died last night. He was born in Czernowitz, at that time a part of Austria but now a part of Rumania.

Viscount Galway

London, March 29 (AP)—Viscount Galway, born George Vere Arundell Monckton Arundell, 61, governor general of New Zealand from 1935-41, died last night.

## HOPE STAR, HOPE, ARKANSAS

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.  
Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, March 29 (AP)—Reporting on the basketball season at the Jacksonville, Fla., Naval Air Technical Training Center, Yeoman Carolus G. Anderson says that some 1,500 sailors and Marines competed on 150 intra-mural teams and about 500 more played on outside courts.

Former White Sox third baseman filled out his sports preference card this spring he listed basketball, track, football and swimming—but not baseball—the card, of course, was ignored. It takes more than a guy the size of big Bill Morgan, former Oregon footballer, to make the Marines think twice when Bill arrived at Parris Island, S.C. there wasn't a uniform to fit his 240 pounds. "Here's the largest uniform we have," he was told. "We'll fit you into it. That will be easier than making one."

**Today's Guest Star**  
Whitley Grubler, Atlantic City (N. J.) Press-Union: "Bowling" Truman Carew was so angry when a pocket-pit produced a 5-6 split that he grabbed a ball off the rack, sat it down at the foul line and kicked it down the alley. And what do you suppose happened? He made the 5-6 split. Guess you could say that's one shot that was made with a foot to spare!"

**Monday Matinee**  
The Hussey Family of the Bronx (Buddy of the Yanks and the Navy, Billy of Georgetown and Danny of Manhattan) is coming up with an other athlete. Their dad says that 13-year-old Tommy is the best of the bunch, both at sports and singing. Pedro Montanez, ex-welter-weight title contender from Puerto Rico, is doing all right with his bowling alleys in San Juan. . .

**Too Much Middleweight**  
When Jimmy Conzelman, the Cifero of the Chicago Cardinals, made a speech for the Great Lakes gobs recently, Lieut. Commander Russel J. Cook presented him a shiny belt of the kind that Nat Fleischer does out to boxing champions. It seems that when Jimmy was at Great Lakes during the other World War—and was somewhat more slender than he is now—he had won the middleweight title of the station. Only Commander Cook remembered that Jimmy never had received the belt, and he got a better laugh than any of Conzelman's gags by insisting that the "champ" should try it on as soon as it was presented.

**Service Dept**  
The newly arrived WAACs at Fort Sill, Okla. are likely to keep the regular soldiers busy defending their athletic laurels. The group includes first leave Eve Evans, who was city tennis champion of Portsmouth, Ohio, had a 180 bowling average and was an all-star basketball player in the 1942 Tri-State tournament, as well as several other athletically inclined girls. When Cadet Bob Kennedy of the Iowa Navy Pre-Flight school

Today A Year Ago — Sam Byrd won Greensboro open golf tournament with 279 for first major pro links victory since quitting baseball.

Three Years Ago — Joe Louis, 201 1-2, knocked out Johnny Paycheck, 187 3-4, in second round of title match. Paycheck on door three times in first and lasted only 44 seconds of second frame.

Five Years Ago — Col. T. L. Houston, former half-owner of New York Yankees, died at Brunswick, Ga. He was 71.

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Approximately 960,000 war production workers are employed in the automotive industry.

**GORGEOUS LORNAINE**  
CHAPTER XXV

THE newspaper reporter was probing Pat for all the sidelights of the sky train trip. "Starting from Phoenix at 4 p. m. and heading out over Superstition Mountain. Is that right?"

"Yes," Pat said. "The first glider leaves the train at Globe, Arizona, 100 miles away."

"But you do fly right over Superstition?"

"Sure. It's on the direct route."

"Aren't you afraid?"

"Goodness no! Sailplanes fly best over mountains, because of the thermals or up-currents common there."

"But Miss Stuart, I meant the history of deaths in Superstition," the reporter smiled. "The lost gold mine up there has lured more than 20 people to mysterious deaths. A lot of storms originate up there, too."

"Sorry," she smiled back. "Can't work up any fear." Pat had to keep alert in order to remember she was Miss Stuart, in the public's mind.

"Okay, then. Eastern Girl flies Superstition Jinx. I can write a few cracks about that."

"Surely. Have your fun. But please print this, too: this is a genuine test flight, or demonstration. To prove the feasibility of glider trains, Jimmy will—I mean, Captain Carr will pilot the towing airplane and he'll lead the train from city to city over the southwest, mostly over Arizona. It's an ideal place because the test will be severe."

"How so?"

"It covers such varied country, Captain Carr says. Flat arid land, with only cactus growing. Some more actually below sea level. Then rolling sand dunes. Next, low foothills. Then ranges of mountains made of red and purple rocks—not that the colors matter, I guess, but I saw them coming here from New York. And finally, over giant forests and mountain ranges that extend up to 12,000 feet altitude. You see? Every possible kind of air current ought to be encountered. More than any average trip to the east-

ern states would offer." Pat had penciled the route for him on a map.

"But Miss Stuart, there aren't half a dozen landing fields on that whole route! I'll bet on that."

She laughed gently. "Sailplanes don't need 'em."

"No." "That's one good thing about soaring and gliding."

"How do you mean?" "I mean that a sailplane can land on a very small area. Pancake down on a school yard or city lot if need be. Not like a power plane."

"That's great business, Miss Stuart."

"Surely. That's why Globe, Arizona, was chosen for one stop. Jimmy says. It's a town in a gulch or canyon. Hardly any flat ground. And the first plane to leave the sky train will be over Globe."

"And have to take its chances?" "Right."

"And Miss Stuart, you're the only girl to be on the train?" "Yes." She smiled again. "I'm afraid the men pilots kind of resent me."

"Gosh, I wouldn't!" said the reporter, in frank admiration. Interviewing pretty "Lorraine Stuart," whom they thought Pat to be, had been the reporters' main pleasure in covering this soaring carnival, anyway.

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MORNINGS papers of course had already carried Pat's picture and write-up as being the girl of the train. It added zest to the news stories thus to have a romance. Handsome Captain Carr piloted the tow plane. His delicious looking little fiancee hooked on somewhere behind. In truth, America had pretty well fallen in love with Pat's pictures since she started that adventurous junket from New York. What persistently nagged at her was the fact of her pose, her masquerade. Its being necessary made it no less distasteful.

The real Lorraine Stuart may or may not have seen the morning papers, however. She wouldn't have cared; she felt that she had matters absolutely under control once more. Jim Carr had made love to her right in the presence of that little ship! Jim had allowed her to announce their wed-

ding plans, for tomorrow noon. So, of course she, the real Lorraine, could "take over" now, about as she pleased.

Lorraine gave that pleasure-

(To Be Continued)

## 'Bush League' to Have Baseball Despite War

New York, March 29 (AP)—There will be plenty of baseball in the "bushes" this summer although many minor league club owners have shucked off their worries about signing players and meeting payrolls by suspending operations for the duration.

In nearly every league where organized professional baseball has been dropped, some cities are planning semi-pro, industrial and amateur leagues to keep the ball parks open this summer.

Only a few of the operators of pro clubs are concerned in these plans, however, for most of them merely leased municipally owned parks and they no longer have to worry about maintaining them. In a lot of cases, high school football is expected to pay for the upkeep.

Perhaps the most aggressive private organizer is Rogers Hornsby, general manager of the Fort Worth Texas League club. He did some notable hollering in an effort to keep the circuit from suspending and when it did, he set about organizing a fast semipro circuit.

# Rommel in Dire Peril With Little Chance to Escape

**Analysis of the News by Mackenzie**

**Editorial Comment Written Today and Moved by Telegraph or Cable.**

By DeWITT MACKENZIE

The cracking of the Mareth Line by General Montgomery's great Eighth Army—one of the sensational feats of the war—has placed Marshal Rommel and the entire Axis force in Tunisia in dire peril from which there would seem to be no escape.

The break has come on a twenty-five mile front on the powerful coastal end of the line, and dispatches indicate that the Nazi marshal is making a run for the north in an effort to join up with General Von Arnim before he can be cut off. His chances of escaping the trap which the Allies laid for him didn't seem good, for American and British forces were northwest of him and driving hard for the coast in an effort to close the trap.

Our young fighters under General Two-Gun Patton had been doing a workmanlike job over the weekend. Patton not only held steady the wedge which he is trying to drive to the coast in the Sousse-Sfax sector, but even advanced it some on its northern edge by capturing Fondouk in a surprise attack.

Meantime the flying column which Montgomery got round the southern end of the Mareth Line had made a sensational advance to El Hamma, about twenty miles west of the important port of Gabes. It looks as though he were straining to capture Gabes, which is Rommel's nearest coastal base. If Montgomery could reach Gabes before Rommel's main force raced northward, the marshal's predicament would become increasingly grave.

During the week-end all the Allied forces, from far north to extreme south, have been battering the Axis. Thus there has been a coordinated effort which has put the maximum pressure on the enemy line, and prevented the Hitlerites from concentrating against any one of the Allies. This grand partnership is the foundation for today's success.

The main drama, of course, has been down on the Mareth Line. There Montgomery has continued the tactics he employed at El Alamein, Egypt, when he first routed Rommel. Having struck a stone-wall defense in the fortifications close to the coast, the British leader made a lightning stab at another strong point a few miles to the southwest, just below the Mareth highway.

Details are lacking, but it seems apparent that, having made a dent, he then employed the difficult and bloody tactics of levering his way forward until he finally broke through to the rear and turned the enemy's line on both flanks of the hole. That's the way he went through at El Alamein.

If Patton reaches the coast before Rommel can race through the open road along the coast, the Axis is likely to be divided and neatly cooped up in two compartments, ready for the finale. It isn't going to be as easy in the doing as in the saying, however, for both Rommel and his colleague in the north, may be expected to put up a terrific fight. We shall have to pay heavily for the victory which will be ours.

## Market Report

### ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK

National Stockyards, Ill., March 29 (AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Hogs, 13.00¢; slow; steady to 5 lower than average Friday; sows fully steady; early bulk good and choice 180-300 lbs 15.60-70; top 15.70; 140-lbs. 14.35-15.00; largely 140 down; 100131 lbs 1325-1425; sows 15.15-50; stags 15.50 down; quotations based on hard hogs.

Cattle, 4,000; calves, 1,200; market opening generally steady; but somewhat slow after a moderate supply; a few good steers 15.00-75; quality of steer run mostly medium and good; odd lots good heifers and mixed yearlings up to 15.00; common and medium cows 11.00-13.00; medium and good sausage bulls 13.00-14.75; good and choice vealers 16.50; medium and good 14.00-15.25; odd lots medium and good stock calves 14.50-15.25; nimble range slaughter steers 12.00-17.25; slaughtered heifers 10.75-16.00; stocker and feeder steers 1050-15.25.

Sheep, 4,000; receipts include five double-clipped lambs; three doubles woolled lambs and mixed; around 1,200 head trucked in; market not established.

### POULTRY AND PRODUCE

Chicago, March 29 (AP)—Poultry, live; 8 trucks; market firm; hens, under 4 lbs. 23, 4-5 1-2 lbs. 26; over 5 1-2 lbs. 26; leghorns, under 4 lbs. 23; 4-5 1-2 lbs. 26; fryers, 3-4 lbs. colored, Plymouth Rock, white rock 28 1-2; springs, 4-5 1-2 lbs. colored, Plymouth Rock, white rock 31 1-2, over 5 12 lbs. 33 1-2; chickens 24; roasters, 5 1-2 lbs. down 18, over 5 12 lbs. 19; stages 28; ducks, 5 1-2 lbs. down 27, over 5 1-2 lbs. 27; geese 25; capons 8 lbs. up 36 1-2, under 8 lbs. 35 1-2; slips 33 1-2.

Butter, receipts 10,222; steady; prices as quoted by the Chicago price current are: Creamery, 93 AA 46 1-2; 92 A 46; 90 B 45 3-4; 9 C 45 1-4; 88 Cooking 44; 90 can centralized carols B 45 3-4.

### NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, March 29 (AP)—Sizeable amounts of speculative investment funds continued to buy the stock market today and numerous favorites, led by rails and steel, were bid up to peaks for the past three years or so.

Deals, at a two-million-share rate in the forenoon, slackened at intervals after mid day as profit cashing on the 7-session rise stemmed the climb for some stemmers. While gains of fractions to around 2 points were widespread near the close—there were a few advances of better than 4—top figures were reduced in many cases. Transfers approximated 1,800,000 transfers.

**GRAIN AND PROVISIONS**

Chicago, March 29 (AP)—Wheat prices eased today as small but persistent offerings some of which were presumed to represent hedging, encountered an extremely light demand. Buying interest was small in view of the uncertain legislative situation.

The visible supply of wheat increased 1,228,000 bushels last week to 174,315,000 bushels, the board of trade reported. It was the first expansion reported in the visible supply in several weeks.

Wheat closed 1-4-3-8 lower, May \$1.44 1-2; July \$1.44 3-4; corn unchanged at ceilings, May \$1.01; oats declined 1-4-1-2 and rye was off 1-8-5.

Wheat: No 1 dark northern 147 1-2.

Corn: No. 3 mixed 1.00; No 2 yellow 102; No. 3, 100 12-101 1-2; No. 4 97 1-2-98; sample grade 110 89 12; No. 3 white 1.22-12 1-2.

Oats: No. 1 mixed 66 1-4-1-2; sample grade mixed 42 1-2; No. 1 white 67 1-4; No. 2, 67; No. 3, 65; sample grade white 63-64 1-4.

Barley, malting 90-1.07 nom;

## Flashes of Life

### By the Associated Press

**HAPPY INTERRUPTION**

Chicago—Fireman Third Class Albert Glazer and Miss Norma Stein, both of Philadelphia, had planned to be married at the U. S. O. club, but when they arrived they found it overrun by civilians attending open house.

Stephen Baumann, club director came to the rescue and found a vacant club room across the street where the couple was married by Captain Julius Marks of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Returning to the U. S. O. club Glazer and his wife found a special supper with a white floral center piece spread out for them and the civilians standing in line to be "received."

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Chicago—Friends of Harold D. Fleischmann at first thought the engraved note on fine, heavy paper was a wedding announcement, but this is what they read:

"Franklin D. Roosevelt, commander in chief, and George C. Marshall, chief of staff, announce with pleasure that Harold D. Fleischmann has joined their organization for the duration."

**NEEDED A PULL**

Farmington, Utah—Gasoline rationing is prolonging an unidentified sufferer's toothache.

Stating it was impossible to get a dental appointment before April 26 in either nearby Ogden or Salt Lake City, he applied for extra gasoline rations for a trip to Denver to get the tooth pulled.

The board denied the application.

## Time for 'V' Gardeners to Thin Out Rows

feed 39-90 nom.

### NEW YORK COTTON

New York, March 29 (AP)—Cotton fluctuated over a narrow range today awaiting outcome of a conference between President Roosevelt and farm leaders.

Late afternoon prices were unchanged to 20 cents a bale lower, May 29, July 20, 10, Oct. 1992.

Futures closed unchanged to 15 cents a bale lower.

May—opened, 20.33; closed, 20.2839

Jly—opened, 20.15; closed, 20.14

Oct.—opened, 19.96; closed, 19.94

Dec.—opened, 19.82; closed, 19.90

Mch—opened, 19.87; closed, 19.84n

Middling spot 22.09; unchanged.

N—Nominal.

## Statement of Husband of Slain Woman

Tulsa, Okla., March 29 (AP)—County Attorney Dixie Gilmer began an investigation today of a statement by T. Karl Simmons, Tulsa oil man, that he gave \$20,000 in 1942 to Mrs. Ella B. Howard, slender divorcee, charged with murder in the shooting of Mrs. Simmons.

Gilmer said that Simmons, in a signed statement, related that he met the divorcee in Fort Worth eight years ago and "began seeing Mrs. Howard regularly."

Mrs. Howard, 44, pleaded innocent when arraigned on the murder charge. Assistant County Attorney M. S. Simms said she related that Mrs. Simmons, 55, a widely known horsewoman, forced her way into her room at the fashionable Mayo hotel at gunpoint, that she grabbed the gun, and that it was discharged in a struggle that followed.

Wounded three times, Mrs. Simmons died almost instantly.

"In the summer of 1942 I gave Mrs. Howard \$20,000 and a month later borrowed back \$5,000 and gave her a 60-day note," Gilmer said Simmons related in his statement yesterday.

"When it came due I gave her another note for \$8,000 plus a three months' allowance."

The statement did not give the amount of the allowance, but Gilmer said it totaled \$1,000. The county attorney said Simmons related that he gave Mrs. Howard \$6,750 to pay off the note, plus fees, when she came here last week.

"In desperation I told my wife about the whole affair," Gilmer said Simmons continued, adding that the couple quarreled and he checked into the Tulsa hotel Wednesday night.

It was there the next day that a friend called Simmons and told him his wife had been shot to death at the Mayo hotel a few blocks away.

Gilmer said he intended "to find out all about that money, why it was paid, and will investigate every person who had anything to do with receiving it."

## Veteran Methodist Minister Dies

Conway, March 29 (AP)—A veteran Arkansas Methodist minister, the Rev. R. C. Morehead, 73, died at his home here yesterday.

Father of the Rev. Connor Morehead, pastor of Little Rock's First Methodist church, the elder minister retired in 1938 after serving as superintendent of the Helena, Conway and Searcy districts and holding pastorates at Searcy, North Little Rock, Marianna, Clarendon, Jonesboro, Paragould, Batesville, Russellville and Osceola for a period of more than 50 years.

**LEATHER FOR HEAVY-DUTY SHOES**

Leather for heavy-duty shoes comes from the hides of cattle more than five years old.

At the beginning of 1942 there were 75,000,000 cattle on U. S. farms, an all-time record.

## Homer Burke Heads Police Association

Homer Burke, native of DeAnn and former Hope city policeman, last week was elected president of the Southeast Missouri Peace Officers association. Mr. Burke is a special officer for the Missouri Pacific railroad between Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Little Rock, maintaining his home at Poplar Bluff. The Southeast Missouri Peace Officers convention was held there, with 150 attending.

**STATE DEALER CAN SELL 417 AUTOS**

Dallas, Tex., March 29 (AP)—Arkansas automobile dealers will be allowed to sell 417 passenger cars next month, the OPA announced this week-end. The state was given a reserve of 70 cars for the month.

**SWEDISH NAVY BUILDS NEW CRUISERS**

Stockholm (AP)—The Swedish government has authorized the letting of contracts to the Gotaverken, and the Eriksbergs Ship Yards, both in one new 7,000-ton cruiser each.

Gothenburg, for the construction of the Swedish Navy.

**THE GREMLINS**

SLOWLY, SLOWLY THE HAIRY, CLUTCHING HAND OF THE MONSTER CREEP NEARER AND EVER NEARER TO NORAS BEAUTIFUL ALABASTER THROAT, WHEN SUDDENLY

"NOW!"

ZIP! WHAM! BANG!

HEY! SOMEBODY BRING THE SMELLING SAIS! SIS HAS PASSED OUT! THIS HERE THRILLER SHE'S BEEN READIN' MUSTA BEEN TOO MUCH FOR HER!!

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HOPE 1943 BY NEA SERVICE, INC.

## Retailers of Meats Get Slight Rest

By The Associated Press

Scant improvement in the supply situation marked the beginning of meat rationing today, but a slackening of demand gave retailers welcome respite from the hectic scenes of recent weeks.

As in the case of canned fruits and vegetables, first products to be rationed under the point system in this country, early reports indicated little desire on the part of housewives to part immediately with their coupons.

Predictions for the future generally were optimistic as retailers echoed official views that rationing would tend to equalize supplies.

Meat-hungry New Yorkers were disappointed in the failure of an emergency shipment of 1,250,000 pounds of beef to arrive on schedule.

Many retailers, reporting they have been without meat for a week, gathered in vain at wholesale markets early this morning.

The Port Greene market in Brooklyn opened to 1,200 butchers, many of whom had waited seven hours but they couldn't get so much as a promise.

They were wrested from the enemy in some of the fiercest combats of the war—combats in which more than 6,000 German and Italian soldiers were captured. Thousands of tons of bombs had been loaded upon the line by day and night to supplement continual heavy artillery barrages.

Across the Hudson, the situation was a little brighter. District OPA offices at Newark said they had secured the release of 180,000 pounds of meat for Newark, Paterson and Passaic after mayors of those three industrial cities had certified that supplies were seriously low.

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Miss Fletcher advised that victory gardeners, both rural and urban, can obtain free garden leaflets from the county Extension office.

**HEAVIEST RAID**

By The Associated Press

and the fifth this year. The base was hit by the RAF last Monday night and by the United States Army Air Force in daylight Feb. 16 and March 1.

Reuters heard a broadcast by German controlled Paris radio reporting "considerable" damage to Private Homes in yesterday's raid by United States planes on Rouen. This report said 80 bodies had been recovered.

Last night's raid completed a week end of vigorous day and night blows by American and British aircraft. Besides the terrific plastering of Berlin, operations in the past 36 hours included attacks on Rotterdam, Duisberg and Axis communications in Holland and Germany. During the previous two weeks, heavy fog had given the enemy a brief respite.

Clearing weather favored the British flyers as they continued the clock-around joint British and American air blows at the continent.

A force of several hundred Lancasters, Halifaxes and Stirlings gave the German capital its sixth raid this year and the 59th of the war Saturday night, showering down 900 tons of bombs, including many two and four-ton block busters, and left fires visible 120 miles away, returning pilots reported.

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